

Officers Settle Lie-Test Dispute

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A Penny for your Thoughts



President Johnson will soon submit his 1965 budget to the Congress, and that reminds everyone of household budgets, so the Pennies photographer asked several housewives, "Do you run your home on a budget?"

Mrs. Roscoe Davis, 2515 Loftview Dr.:
"Our family has a basic outline of expenses — it is not a strict budget, however, I usually figure up what we plan to do and how much we will spend. I would say we are successful with it but it is quite flexible."



Mrs. Eugene Mitchell, 18412 Manhattan Pl.:
"We don't use a real budget in our household. I don't buy groceries or anything like that since my husband is in the service. We have a policy of not buying anything on credit, so we don't really need a budget."



Mrs. Dan Marsh, 23837 Walnut St.:
"My husband handles the budget in our home. He sticks to it very closely. He pays all the bills and gives me a grocery and clothing allowance. That's the way I like it, and he has all the grey hair."



Mrs. Carol Hougland:
"I don't sit down and write out a budget on paper, but I generally know what things I will buy, and how much they will cost. It works out well in the long run, although sometimes I come up a little short or a little over on a month-to-month basis."



Mrs. M. L. Harris, 1007 Aca-cia St.:
"Everyone has a budget to operate a household. I draw up our budget every month — I am the financial manager at home. I think we are successful in following our budget, although it is fairly flexible."



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City Manager May Get New Bid to Talk

One of two officers sought by the attorney general for polygraph testing returned voluntarily for questioning this week, the second officer reportedly has made arrangements to do so in the next few days, and City Manager Wade Peebles is being asked to meet with investigators for additional questioning.

That was the reported status of the current investigation into city affairs by representatives of the attorney general's office and the district attorney at week's end.

Police Lt. D. C. Cook met with the investigators Thursday and Friday to go over testimony previously given. He was not required to submit to polygraph testing. The HERALD was reliably informed.

DETECTIVE LT. Don Hamilton, the second officer wanted for testing by the state investigators, has made arrangements to meet with them this week.

Neither officer had refused to take the tests and neither had been ordered to take the tests when the controversy between city officials and the investigators broke out last Jan. 2, it has been reported.

During the course of a 3½-hour session Wednesday night, Jack Goertzen, deputy attorney general, told Councilmen that he had been assured by Police Chief Percy Bennett that the two officers would be directed to appear for the lie-test examination.

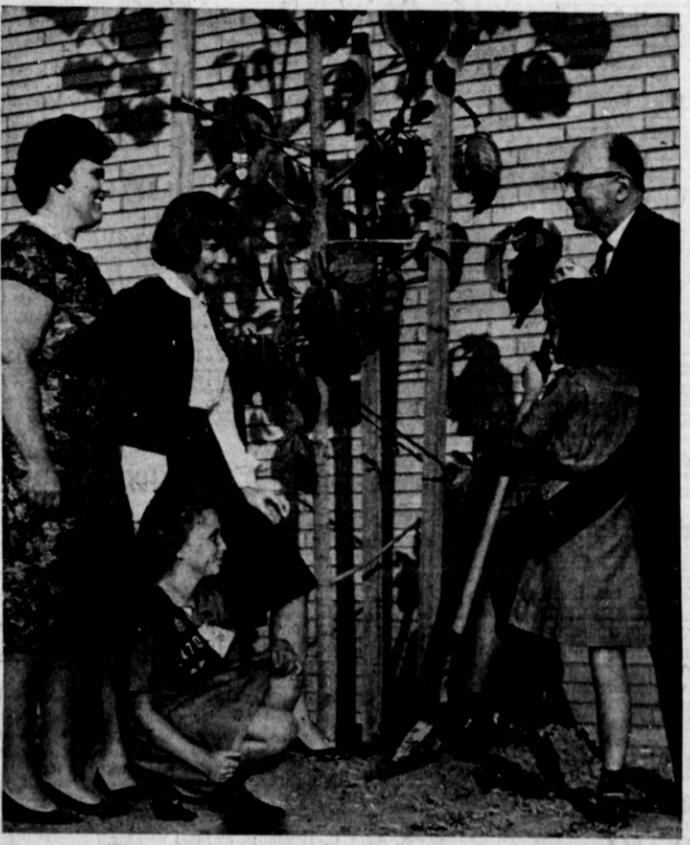
GOERTZEN charged, however, that the intervention of Peebles blocked the order. Peebles, on the other hand, said his opposition to ordering men to take lie detector tests was shared by Chief Bennett.

Bennett, confined to his home on orders of his doctor, has not been available to comment on the dispute.

Following the Wednesday night meeting, however, Peebles issued a statement saying he would defer to the chief's decision in the matter.

"AFTER MUCH consideration, and based on the statements of the attorney general with respect to the police department and the lie detector tests, it appears there is considerable conflict between the chief's statements to the attorney general and the chief's statements to me. Also the law has now been made somewhat clearer to me," he stated.

Peebles said he had not changed his feelings about the



TO PLANT TREES . . . No, they aren't digging it up! It's just a practice session for the annual Girl Scout Tree Planting Day to be held next Saturday. Girl Scouts from South Torrance will plant 30 trees in the Civic Center. Pictured here during the busy practice session are: Mrs. Neal Silence, coordinator of the project for the Girl Scouts; Mrs. Frank Sciarrotta, Torrance Beautiful Commission; Scouts Roxann Silence and Cindy Sciarrotta; and Mayor Albert Isen. The girls will care for the trees until nature takes over for them. (Herald Photo)

Two Assemblymen Named To 'Town Hall' Panel

Assemblymen Vincent Thomas and E. Richard Barnes will head a panel of experts at the Town Hall meeting on obscene literature to be held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Torrance High School auditorium.

Barnes will serve as moderator of the meeting. Other panel members include Dr. Richard W. Thomas, co-founder of the Thomas Moore Marriage Family Clinic; Thomas Devine, professor of sociology at Pierce College; Deputy District Attorney James Clancy; and Lt. Gus Rethwich, juvenile officer of the Torrance Police Department.

A representative of the attorney general's office will be on the panel.

THE MEETING is a project of the Torrance Youth Welfare Commission. William Faulds is serving as chairman of the steering committee, which also includes Mrs. Cleora Jordan and Gerry Morton.

The program will feature a 45-minute panel discussion, and will be followed by a 45-minute question-and-answer period.

Joseph Piatt, chairman of the Youth Welfare Commission, said the program will explore "the impact of obscene and indecent literature on the young

Armed Trio Orders 30 To 'Freeze'

Three bandits, one of them armed with a double-barreled, sawed-off shotgun, held about 30 customers at bay yesterday morning while they took about \$300 from a Hawthorne Avenue restaurant. None of the customers was robbed.

Police were called by victims at the Red Balloon, near Artesia Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue, after the three men had fled from the cafe shortly after midnight.

Witnesses said the three men, described as 25 to 35 years of age, entered the cafe about 11:30 and sat in a booth drinking coffee. After paying their check the trio left about midnight only to return a few moments later.

ONE SUSPECT carried the shotgun and yelled "This is a holdup. Everybody freeze!" He repeated the word "freeze" several times, police were told.

A second suspect carried a .45-caliber pistol, and the third went to the cash register to take out all of the bills. Police were told that the suspects took none of the coins from the register.

THE SUSPECT who emptied the register cut the phone lines before the trio fled out the front door.

Witnesses said the three men went onto Hawthorne Avenue and may have driven from the shopping center parking lot across the street a few moments later.

Mobilehome Park Zoning Denied

The County Regional Planning Commission last week denied a zone exception request submitted by Fred B. Fiesel of Carson. Fiesel has asked for a zone exception to permit a mobilehome park on 228th Street in the Carson Area in an A-1 zone.

Assemblymen Announce Maritime Academy Exams

Examinations for young men to become nominees of Assemblymen Vincent Thomas and Charles E. Chapel to the California Maritime Academy will be given in Long Beach and Los Angeles in March.

Thomas, who represents the 68th district, and Chapel, 46th district, will have one nominee each for admission to the academy in August of this year.

Examinations will be given in Los Angeles March 23, and in Long Beach March 24. Applicants may also take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. They should request their schools to provide scores for the academy.

APPLICANTS for the examination must be high school graduates and at least 17 but not yet 22 years of age on Aug. 10, 1964. All applicants must meet the prescribed physical requirements.

The academy is located at Vallejo. It provides an educa-

Gray Warns Of Dangers In Cityhood

Attorney Ben F. Gray warned proponents of incorporation in Lomita the area "has nothing which could pay the freight on an inexperienced local government" when he addressed the Lomita Civic League last Tuesday evening.

The Lomita Civic League opposes incorporation of the Lomita area.

Gray, who has practiced law in the area for 55 years, said the county has given Lomita good government. He was one of the chief opponents of incorporation attempts in 1956 and maintains his belief that county government is best for the area.

Petitions are still being circulated in the area to put the question of incorporation before the voters.

Carson Student Wins United Way Speech Contest

Bill Atkinson, winner of the United Way Speech contest and a student at Carson High School, represented the southern district at the United Way awards banquet held by the Los Angeles Board of Education last month.

Atkinson received a trophy for himself and one for the school during the ceremonies at the banquet.

Workers Rushing New Buildings For Rolling Hills Plaza Growth

Tenants will start moving next month into 18 new stores at the Rolling Hills Plaza shopping center.

The new stores are located to the north of the present shopping center at Crenshaw Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway.

When completed the new businesses will comprise about 60 establishments in the entire center, according to Emlin Williams, center manager.

STORES IN THE new section will comprise 10,000 square feet in the largest one to 15 by 60 in the smallest with a total of 35,000 square feet in the entire section.

Parking will be provided on both sides of the stores which front on Crenshaw Boulevard. Destined to become a landmark for the area are high, decorative arches over the driveway leading to the pear parking lot.

EVENTUALLY 225th Street

THE LARGEST store, 10,000 square feet, is located at the north end of the center.

Construction is scheduled to start next month on a two-story building next to Citizens National Bank in the shopping center. Twelve offices will be in the new structure, six on the ground floor. Jefferson Inc., principal firm involved in the Rolling Hills Plaza center, might take the entire second floor of the new office building. The firm is now located in the Palos Verdes Estates.

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